

FIVE RCRA BROWNFIELDS PREVENTION PILOTS CHOSEN

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EPA today announced the selection of five pilot projects to showcase the combined use of RCRA cleanup reforms and Brownfields tools to encourage cleanup and reuse. The selected pilots proposed the field testing of innovative approaches such as leveraging state funds for demolition, using multiple legal authorities to deal with a bankrupt site and community involvement in future land use decision-making. The RCRA Brownfields Prevention Initiative responds to concerns raised by cities, industries and communities who have recently begun emphasizing the importance of looking beyond Superfund to address issues at brownfields sites in a more comprehensive manner. Under this new initiative, EPA's goal is to help state and local governments and site owners to adopt integrative approaches to cleanups and to sustain future reuse of properties subjected to cleanup obligations under RCRA. EPA has internally allocated additional resources that pursue holistic approaches to expedited cleanups that protect public health and the environment. The second round of pilots includes: Pharmacia & Upjohn Company, North Haven, Connecticut; Union Carbide Caribe Inc., Guayanilla, Puerto Rico; Safety-Kleen, Muskegon Heights, Michigan; BP Refinery, Wood River, Illinois; and Milt Adams, Inc., Denver, Colorado. For more information, visit: www.epa.gov/brownfields.